

WAR DEATH IN WAKE OF CHEERY LETTERS

Four Mothers Hear Sad News Just After Receiving Notes From Sons.

JOY TURNS INTO GRIEF

One Parent at Religious Service When Notified of Battle's Toll.

On the heels of a carrier bringing a "Mothers' Day" letter to Mrs. Kate D. Manchester of 26 Watson street, Newark, from her only child, Corporal Clifford R. Manchester, came another messenger with a telegram announcing that he had been killed in action May 22, entailed a year ago and sailed for France in October.

A few hours after receiving a letter from her son, Private James P. Ward, in which he stated that he was in the thick of the fighting and happy, Mrs. Margaret Ward of 181 East 102d street was notified that he had been killed. Ward enlisted a year ago when he was only 16. He had received permission to enlist only after urgent pleadings with his parents. He was a member of a machine gun battalion.

Mother Mourns at Synagogue

Mrs. Rosie Schwartz of 332 Cherry street was at services in a synagogue near her home yesterday when she was notified of the death of her son, Corporal David Schwartz, 26, of Company B, Twenty-sixth Infantry. Only a day or two before she had received a letter from her son.

Mrs. Max Datz of 383 East Fourth street was another mother whose pleasure at hearing good news from her son was turned to grief by an announcement that he had fallen. The son, Herman Datz, 25, was a newboy in City Hall Park for some years before he enlisted four years ago. He was a member of a machine gun battalion and was killed in action May 28.

Private John W. Lafferty, 40, of 443 Beecher street, Brooklyn, died May 31 from wounds received April 29, his brother, Vincent Lafferty, learned yesterday. He was a member of Company A, Sixteenth Engineers. Sergeant Edward Nesterowicz of 124 Parsons street, Yonkers, who was also reported as having died of wounds in yesterday's casualty list, came to this country from Austria five years ago. His parents are still living in Europe. Nesterowicz was 25.

Student Seriously Wounded

Joseph A. Drowszewski, reported seriously wounded, is the son of Thomas Drowszewski, a grocer of 150 Steuben street, Jersey City. Drowszewski, who is 23, enlisted more than a year ago while he was a student of St. Peter's College. Corporal Joseph H. Buckley of 281 Fourth avenue, who was also reported to have been severely wounded, is a brother of George Buckley, president of the Crown Publishing Company, 861 Fourth avenue. George Buckley recently received a letter dated March 23, in which his brother stated that he had been slightly wounded and had been discharged from a hospital after treatment. Joseph Buckley is 23 and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin.

WRITE HOME, SAYS PERSHING TO MEN

Letters to Folks Called One of Soldiers' Duties.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The War Department to-day made public a general order issued recently by Gen. Pershing encouraging members of the American expeditionary forces to keep up correspondence with their relatives and friends at home. Gen. Pershing's order said:

1.—Duty to one's country does not end on the parade ground, nor even on the battlefield, but consists in doing everything in one's power to help the war. To write home frequently and regularly, to keep in constant touch with family and friends, is one of the soldier's most important duties. Mothers and fathers will suffer if they do not hear often from sons fighting in France. In the present large companies it is not possible for officers to write letters for their men and every man must do it for himself.

2.—When no letters are received from overseas, the greatest distress is caused to those at home. They either feel that letters have been written but lost en route, or else they imagine all sorts of evils, such as sickness, wounds, even death. Both are bad for the active military spirit every true American man and woman must possess if our army is to obtain the real victory that all so earnestly desire.

3.—Everyone in the United States who has a son or brother in the American expeditionary forces is proud of him, is constantly thinking of him, is anxious to hear from him. Letters home will bring many letters in reply and the closer home ties will have potent influence for good, both in France and in the United States. All officers should realize this fact and both by encouraging their men and providing them with the proper facilities, do everything in their power to interest them in this vital question of writing home.

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The Nation's Honor Roll

Killed in action	Reported June 8	Total to date
Died of wounds	10	304
Died of disease	10	1,177
Died of accident	10	300
Severely wounded	23	304
Wounded, degree undetermined	17	14
Slightly wounded	0	3,002
Missing in action	0	322
Day's totals	104	7,047

(Corrected according to the latest War Department figures.)

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The army casualty list to-day contained 104 names as follows:

KILLED IN ACTION

MONTGALL, RUFUS E., Captain, Kansas City, Mo.

JONES, HAMILTON M., Lieutenant, Kaufman, Pa.

THORPE, CARL G., sergeant, Cincinnati, Ohio.

MANCHESTER, CLIFFORD R., corporal, 25 Watson avenue, Newark.

SANDMAN, CARL, corporal, Brown Valley, Minn.

SCHWARTZ, DAVID, corporal, 405 Madison street, Chicago.

CONRAD, PATRICK J., wagoner, Charleston, W. Va.

COUGROVE, JAMES J., mechanic, Lynn, Mass.

ANDRETT, THOMAS H., private, Concord, N. H.

ALMONT, FRED H., private, South Heart, N. D.

DOVE, HERMAN, private, 383 East Fourth street, New York city.

ELMSTON, ERNST, private, Rebersburg, Pa.

ERICKSON, MARTIN, private, Arcadia, Minn.

PINNEIN, LLOYD W., private, Pittsfield, Mass.

FRANCISCO, ALFRED T., private, Wilmot, N. Y.

CLARK, ROSS, private, Pittsburgh, Ohio.

HADDOX, GUY EMMET, private, Youngstown, Ohio.

HART, JOHN J., private, 173 Fourth st., Jersey City.

BARREY, JACK, private, Waterloo, Wis.

KEENHAW, WILLIAM, private, Coffee, N. C.

KUMPUAINEN, VALERIVIN, private, Helsinki, Finland.

MACDOUGALL, ALBERT V., private, Cleveland, Ohio.

MARSHALL, RUSSELL B., private, Indianapolis, Ind.

MILLER, DANIEL S., private, Norristown, Pa.

WATSON, VERNIE, private, Boston, Ky.

NOLAN, ROGER J., private, Berry Station, N. C.

RODWEILL, CLARENCE, private, Toledo, Ohio.

WALL, PRESTON V., private, Beach, N. Y.

WARD, JOSEPH F., private, 181 East 102d street, New York city.

WINCHENBACH, ROLAND C., private, Baltimore, Md.

DIED OF WOUNDS

NESTEROWICZ, EDWARD, sergeant, Yonkers.

ANGLEN, HENRY, corporal, Fairmont, W. Va.

ROBBINS, WILLIAM, corporal, Bloomington, Ind.

BATES, EARL C., private, Columbus, Ohio.

BOLT, BERNARD H., private, South Bethlehem, Pa.

PAPINEAU, JAMES, private, Saginaw, Mich.

SHANNON, JAMES M., private, Hewick, Pa.

SMITH, CHARLES A., private, Huntington, Ind.

SWENTY, IVAN D., private, Council Bluffs, Ia.

TORREY, HERBERT A., private, Haverhill, Mass.

DIED OF DISEASE

HUGGINS, THOMAS, corporal, Ellerslie, N. C.

MCULLOUGH, WILLIAM A., wagoner, Easton, Pa.

ADAMS, FRANK J., private, Grapess Bluff, La.

JONES, DAVID S., private, Homestead, Pa.

WATER, RICHARD, Jr., private, Bridgeport, Conn.

WINSTON, CHARLIE, private, Call, Tex.

DIED FROM AIRPLANE ACCIDENT

MEYER, LESTER M., Lieutenant, Glen Dale, Cal.

WOUNDED SEVERELY

DENN, HARRY L., Lieutenant, Santa Barbara, Cal.

JACKSON, GEORGE D., Lieutenant, King, N. Y.

WRIGHT, CHESTER E., Lieutenant, Watertown, N. Y.

WYLLIE, THOMAS H., Lieutenant, Newport, Mass.

BRANT, WALTER E., sergeant, Dorchester, Mass.

JOHNSON, WALTER M., sergeant, Gadsden, Ala.

PETER, GEORGE W., sergeant, Mountain Lake, Minn.

WHITE, JAMES E., sergeant, York, Pa.

SHUTE, DENNIS A., sergeant, Auburn, N. Y.

BUNLEY, JOSEPH H., corporal, 251 Fourth avenue, New York city.

COMEAU, ALFRED J., corporal, Leominster, Mass.

DUNN, LAWRENCE R., corporal, Philadelphia, Pa.

EASTBURY, ARTHUR L., corporal, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

HAMM, HUBERT A., corporal, Dothan, Ga.

MILLER, EARL C., corporal, Malden, Mass.

ROY, EUGENE, corporal, North Attleboro, Mass.

SELLE, CARTER C., corporal, Bristol, Va.

SWAIN, RUSSELL S., corporal, Hinchey, Minn.

BARKER, WALTER L., Jr., private, Beverly, Mass.

BLUMBERG, LEON E., private, Lockport, N. Y.

DRESS, LOAN, private, Willows, Cal.

DRUDZEWSKI, JOSE A., private, 12 Rippon st., Jersey City.

WINSTON, HAROLD, private, Ironwood, Minn.

JAWORSKI, HENRY, private, Scranton, Pa.

KOWALSKI, JOHN, private, Cleveland, Ohio.

KUTINSKY, WILLIAM, private, Russia.

LAY, JOHN R., private, Ell Valley, Tenn.

LENNOX, HERBERT R., private, Pottsville, Pa.

LINDSAY, JOHN F., private, Boston.

LINDE, HILBERT, private, Kalspel, Mont.

MCARTHUR, HAROLD J., private, South Chicago, Ill.

MAGARELL, WILLIAM M., private, Adair, Mo.

MOYNIHAN, HUMPHREY D., private, Dorchester, Mass.

ROSE, LOREN EMMET, private, Delavan, Wis.

THURGEN, GERHARD W., private, St. Peter, Minn.

WOUNDED (DEGREE UNDETERMINED)

JOHNSON, HOWARD M., sergeant, Mason City, Ia.

YANKE, ROBERT N., sergeant, Winteret, Ia.

WINTRODE, JOHN H., sergeant, Winteret, Ia.

BREEDING, ROBERT A., corporal, Winteret, Ia.

MATTHEY, JOHN L., corporal, Dubuque, Ia.

OLESON, WALTER H., corporal, Des Moines, Ia.

SIMPSON, ARCHIE M., corporal, Indianapolis, Ia.

YATES, EDMUND E., corporal, Glasgow, Ill.

LEWIS, HARRY E., mechanic, Dubuque, Ia.

BAKES, RUSSELL V., private, Lake Mills, Wis.

CHRISTER, WILLIS T., private, Des Moines.

42 CONCRETE SHIPS ARE ORDERED BUILT

Will Be Constructed in Five Yards Authorized by Shipping Board.

Five new yards for building concrete ships have been authorized by the United States Shipping Board. Forty-two concrete ships have been ordered. Of these contracts for eighteen have already been let by the Emergency Fleet Corporation and the other contracts will be signed soon.

These new concrete ships will be tankers of 7,500 tons, and will have a capacity each of 5,000 barrels of oil. Their horse-power will be 2,800 and their speed 10½ knots. The total tonnage of the

forty-two is figured at 298,500.

The five yards are located at Wilmington, Jacksonville, Mobile and San Diego. The fifth yard is that at San Francisco, operated by the shipbuilding company which turned out the Faith, the first concrete ship to be built. In addition there are also two private yards for the construction of this new type of cargo carrier, one at Brunswick, Ga., and the other at New York city.

In the concrete ship man's resourcefulness has developed a third great means of traversing the seas, wood and steel having been the former reliance. The concrete vessel has passed now beyond the stage of experiment. When the 5,000 ton Faith, launched at San Francisco in record time, raced on its trial trip and exceeded its estimated speed of 9 knots the new era in shipbuilding came in to stay, according to marine engineers. The Faith attained a speed of 10½ knots an hour.

There is a building fund of \$20,000,000 for the construction of concrete ships alone. But even before the Faith justified the expectations of the Shipping

Board than organization was so certain of success that contracts for eighteen "concreters" had already been let.

"When concrete shipbuilding is well organized," said R. J. Wig, head of the Department of Concrete Ship Construction of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, "the only limit on the capacity to produce concrete ships will be the limit of the machinery and equipment for the construction of these ships. There is no reason why we can't turn out hundreds of thousands of tons every year with adequate machinery and equipment."

These plants for concrete ship construction are simple and rapidly put together. The plant is made up largely of concrete mixers, hoists and other plant equipment obtainable in any large city. Ways similar to those used for wood and steel ships must be provided. But the plants are much cheaper than those which must be built before steel ships can be turned out, and much less skilled labor is required in the making of concrete ships than is necessary for the building of steel or even wood ships.

The estimated cost of building a wooden ship is about \$165 a ton; that of a steel ship, about \$180 to \$220, and that of a concrete ship about \$100 to \$110.

3 VICTORIA CROSSES GIVEN

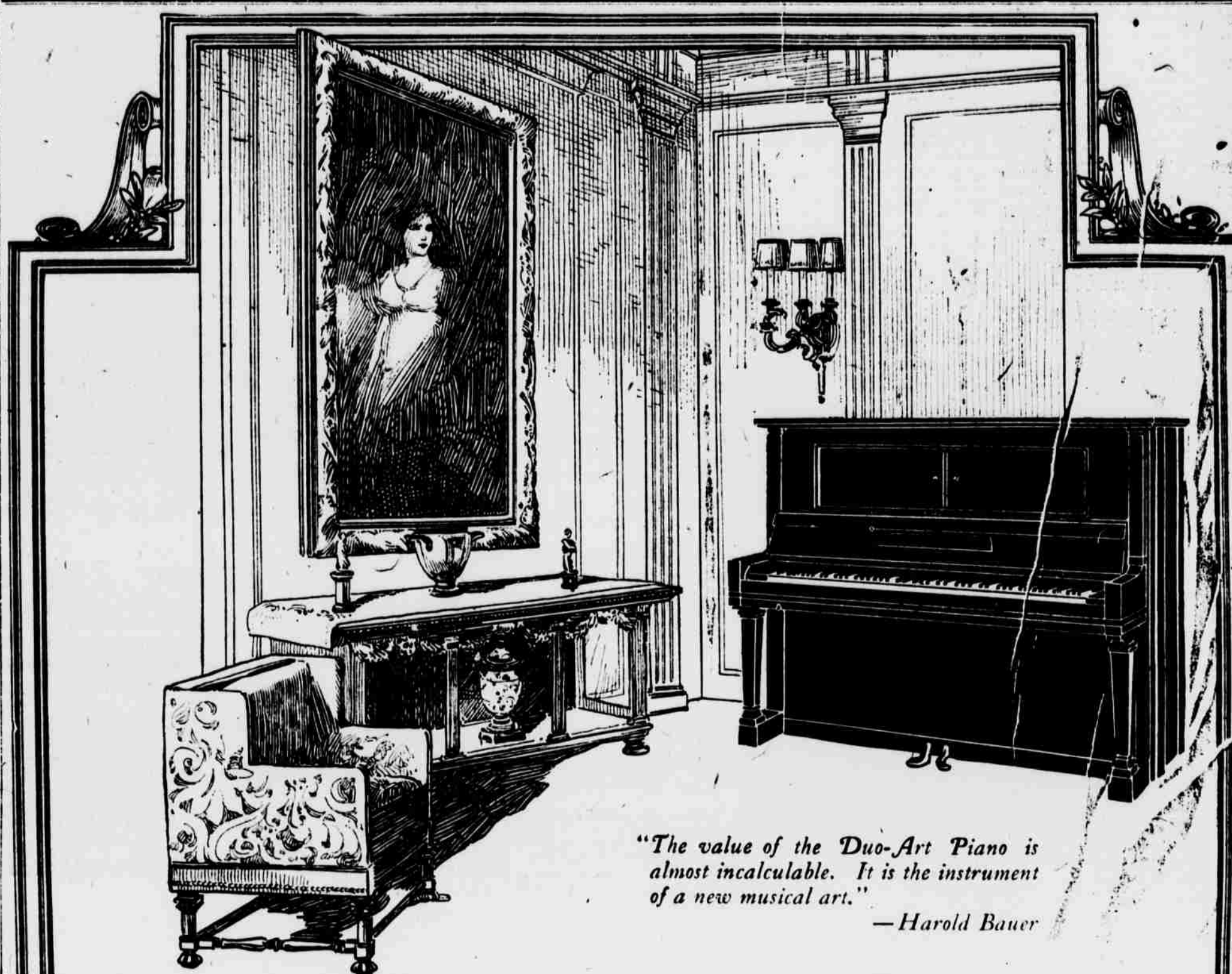
British Sergeant Held 600 of Enemy at Bay.

LONDON, June 8.—Announcement of the award of three Victoria Crosses, including one to Sergeant Albert Mountain, West Yorks, whose act was an outstanding example of supreme gallantry and initiative, is made in the Official Gazette.

Mountain's company was compelled to fall back before the advancing enemy mass. Volunteers for a counter attack were being called, when Mountain and ten men stepped forward. He advanced on the flank with a Lewis machine gun and enlisted an enemy patrol, of which about 100 were killed.

Mountain rallied and organized the party for defence and covered the retirement of the rest of the company. With one non-commissioned officer and four men he successfully held at bay 600 Germans for half an hour.

Later he took command of a flank post and held on for twenty-seven hours, until finally surrounded. Mountain was one of the few who managed to fight their way back.



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